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April 14, 2017

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Kris Monteith
Wireline Competition Bureau Acting Chief
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28; *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket 10-90, *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Ms. Monteith:

Pursuant to the Commission's *Open Internet Order*¹, Rockwell Cooperative Telephone Association ("Rockwell" or the "Company") hereby notifies the Bureau of its intention to cease offering broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective July 1, 2017. As such, broadband Internet transmission will only be furnished as part of a complete broadband Internet access service that the Company provides to its end user customers either through itself or its affiliate.

The Commission made clear in the *Rate of Return Connect American Fund Order*², as well as in its *Clarification Order*³, that a rate-of-return carrier could make such an election with sixty (60) days' notice and thus the revenues associated with the broadband Internet access transmission would no longer be subject to Federal Universal Service contributions.

Rockwell currently provides broadband Internet transmission service pursuant to the terms and conditions of the National Exchange Carrier Association's Tariff No. 5 which is presently only furnished to the Company's ISP affiliate. The Company has

¹ *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28, Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 5601, ¶460 & n. 1378 (2015)

² *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, et al., Report and Order, Order & Order on Reconsideration & Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-33, ¶ 194, n. 429 (rel. Mar. 30, 2016)

³ *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Order DA 16-661, ¶ 25 (WCB, rel June 15, 2016) (citing the *Open Internet Order*).

provided notice to its ISP affiliate via interoffice mail of its intention to cease offering broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective July 1, 2017.

This notice is effective the latter of July 1, 2017 or 60 days following the date of this letter unless withdrawn or extended prior to that time.

Kindly direct any questions regarding this filing to Pamela Hintz at (651) 621-8535 or via email at phintz@otcpas.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rockwell Cooperative Telephone Association



David Severin

General Manager

cc: Pamela Arluk, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau Pricing Policy Division
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
Governor Terry Branstad
Iowa Utilities Board

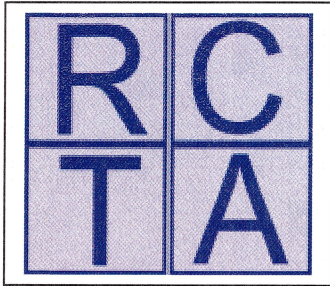
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Dave Severin, do certify that I have, on this 14th day of April, 2017, served by first class mail a copy of the foregoing Notice of Discontinuance of broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its Broadband Internet access service to the following persons:

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Governor Terry Branstad
Office of the Governor
1007 East Grand Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Iowa Utilities Board
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Re: CUSTOMER NOTICE OF CHANGE IN DSL SERVICE

Dear Valued Customer:

Our records indicate that Rockwell Cooperative Telephone Association is currently purchasing wholesale wireline broadband Internet access transmission services from Rockwell Cooperative Telephone Association pursuant to the terms of its tariff. This letter is to inform you that Rockwell Cooperative Telephone Association will no longer offer wholesale broadband Internet access transmission as a separate standalone component of broadband Internet access service. On and after July 1, 2017 broadband Internet transmission service will only be available to end user customers in conjunction with the Company's retail broadband Internet access service offering.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Severin', written over the word 'Sincerely'.

David Severin
General Manager